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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report, Okinawa Bureau--October 1983

I. GENERAL

A. The local Japanese-language RYUKYU SHIMPO on 24 October carried another warmed-over story on the bureau and its operations, its first in nearly a year. The story consisted mainly of a rehash of earlier reports on bureau operations--for example, coverage of the death of Brezhnev. Much of the substance of the article paralleled portions of an unclassified 1971 pre-Reversion handout on FBIS.

B. The yen rate now seems to be about as stable as can be expected, although it could be more favorable to the dollar: during October the rate stayed largely within the 230-233 range.

C. In the "first the good news, then the bad" category comes the commencement of work by an Air Force contractor on a parking lot opposite the Skoshi KOOM club, in the middle of the old VOA housing area. While the lot will probably relieve much of the evening congestion in the area around the club it will also mean less greenspace and more asphalt.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

The BBC News Bureau expressed appreciation for Okinawa's speedy handling of the sentencing of former Japanese Prime Minister Tanaka on the 12th in connection with the "Lockheed scandal." The Japanese agency KYODO even noted the BBC's quick reporting of the story "one hour after the ruling handed [down] by the Tokyo District Court."

B. Coverage

October was a busy month for emergency backstopping. On the 12th the bureau assumed emergency coverage for Seoul Bureau, which had to be evacuated due to a bomb threat in the building there. The next day we took over temporary coverage of Hong Kong's China regionals when that bureau had to close early because of Typhoon "Joe."

C. Recruiting

As of the end of the month, some 250 responses had been received from ads for monitors placed in Taiwan papers. So far some 40 of these look promising. A trip for testing and interviewing is planned for early December.

D. Cruising

1. Staff cruising officer [ ] was on TDY most of the month. [ ] carried out radio reception surveys in Dhaka, Bangladesh and Islamabad, Pakistan. He returned to duty at the bureau on 28 October.

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2. A satellite was observed on 7 October at 74E and is believed to be the Indian INSAT 1B communications vehicle launched on 31 August by the space shuttle Challenger. So far 15 weak carrier signals have been observed, with no distinguishable data.

## III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Chinese monitor [ ] resignation took effect 16 October, and [ ] left Okinawa that same day. Russian monitor [ ] submitted his resignation in mid-October. [ ] plans to depart for Australia in early December at the end of his current travel agreement.

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B. Chief technician [ ] arrived 28 October on PCS.

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C. Deputy bureau chief [ ] returned to duty on half-days beginning 25 October after recuperation from a heart attack at the end of August. Chinese monitor [ ] is recovering at home after a week's hospitalization for injuries received in a bicycle accident on base.

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## IV. ENGINEERING

A. The seven rhombic antenna replacement poles arrived by ship and were delivered to the bureau by the Army early on the morning of 2 November. Plans for installation are on the drawing board. In order to do as little damage as possible to the extensive canebreaks around the building, we expect to delay installation until late winter, when the cane harvest should be completed.

B. In preparation for the central air conditioning project, we have relocated the landline communications cable entry point to the microwave room. This allowed bureau technicians to rewire the internal signal line distribution cables in a neat and orderly fashion.

C. The 10-foot microwave antenna was returned in October to the Army.

V. VISITS

A. To the bureau

Administrative officers [redacted]  
TDY from Washington, 15-20 October.

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B. From the bureau

1. The bureau chief attended the change of command ceremony at the U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Hanza, on 3 October. He paid courtesy calls on Brig. Gen. Michael Nelson, USAF, Commander, 313th Air Division, Kadena, on 5 October, on Col. Tom Sherburne, Commander, Torii Station on 7 October, Lt. Col. Jerry Shelton, USMC, Public Affairs Officer and Lt. Col. Robert Hodor, USA, USFJ Okinawa Area Representative on 11 October, and on Col. Billy Keyes, USA, Commandant, U.S. Army Garrison Okinawa on 12 October.

2. Administrative officer [redacted] attended the regional support officers conference in Seoul, Korea 22-27 October.

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3. The bureau chief and deputy chief paid a courtesy call on Yomitan Mayor Yamauchi on 31 October.

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Chief, Okinawa Bureau, FBIS

Attachment:

Production Reports

cc: Chief, Bangkok Bureau  
Chief, Hong Kong Bureau  
Chief, London Bureau  
Chief, Seoul Bureau

## OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	991,080
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	418,300
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	2,852

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	18,844 min.	52,550 min.	168.02 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

## CHINA

Beijing International Service to East & South Africa in English	---
Beijing International Service to North America in English	980
Beijing International Service in Japanese	390
Beijing to Southeast Asia and Southern Pacific in Mandarin	450
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	14,190
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	1,800
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	7,260
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	16,360
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	2,590
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	2,670
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	5,860
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	8,600
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	7,170
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	1,610

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beijing XINHUA in English		355,280	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		93,810	
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			3,160
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			1,390
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			550
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			16,600
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			900
CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in Mandarin	4,860		
FRANCE Paris AFP in English		2,900	
HONG KONG Hong Kong AFP in English		23,910	
JAPAN Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	2,380		
Tokyo JPS in English		7,520	
Tokyo KYODO in English		83,080	
Tokyo JIJI in English		8,410	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			15,680
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			14,030
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			16,850
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			11,550
Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			5,620
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			13,530

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			2,080
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			17,830
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			4,520
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			---
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			8,350
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			780
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			1,310
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English		2,610	
MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		3,160	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		4,240	
PHILIPPINES			
Quezon City RPN Television Network in English	13,090		
TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	2,930		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	---		
Taipei CNA in English		14,380	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			14,450
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			690
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			870
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			1,630
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			2,430
Taipei LIEN HO YUEH KAN in Chinese			---
Taipei MIN CHU JEN in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			400

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	9,010		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	1,210		
Moscow to china in Mandarin	5,790		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	580		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	1,490		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	160		
Moscow Television Service in Russian	16,910		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	2,530		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	21,060		
Hanoi VNA in English		84,650	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	
Hanoi VNA in Vietnamese		---	
Ho Chi Minh City VNA in Vietnamese		---	